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BISHOP, CARDINALE ANNOUNCE CONTRACTOR SELECTED FOR NEW RIVERHEAD POST OFFICE

New Post Office Scheduled to Open in Fall, 2005

Riverhead, NY– Congressman Tim Bishop, Riverhead Town Supervisor Phil Cardinale and Postal Service Long Island District Manager Thomas F. Rosati today announced that construction will soon resume on a state-of-the-art Riverhead Post Office.

The Postal Service has selected THC Realty Development LP to complete construction of the Riverhead Post Office on the corner of West Main Street and Mill Road. Work is scheduled to resume in September and the facility would be open to the public in Fall, 2005.

"I know how important this Post Office is for Riverhead, which is why I have been working so hard with Supervisor Cardinale and the Postal Service to get the job done," Bishop said. "The skeleton of a half-built Post Office does not reflect Riverhead's character. I am very excited about the new Post Office."

"I thank Tim Bishop for his work in bringing this about, and I'm excited with the prospects of what the new Post Office will do for the revitalization of Riverhead's West Main Street Corridor," Cardinale said.

The new Riverhead Post Office will be a state-of-the-art 22,400 square foot facility on 3.8 acres. The new building will be handicapped accessible and feature a larger and more modern lobby, 1,800 post office boxes, and 40 customer parking spaces, including 2 handicap spaces.

The Riverhead Post Office has 84 employees, makes 11,700 daily deliveries, and handles more than 26 million pieces of mail per year. The new post office will consolidate operations now at the downtown Riverhead Post Office, the Calverton transfer annex and the Riverhead carrier annex.

"The new facility will provide a great place for our customers to do business and an excellent working environment for our employees," Rosati said.

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